

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 867 – SB 1403

April 24, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to initiate an immediate investigation that includes making physical contact with the child, regardless of the time of day or night, upon receiving a report of child abuse from a person tasked with the education or health and welfare of the child that indicates the child is currently at risk of further harm. Requires the Commissioner of the DCS to provide a report to the District Attorney General with jurisdiction following a fatality or near fatality of a child in the custody of DCS or who is the subject of an investigation by Child Protective Services (CPS).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,066,500

Increase Federal Expenditures – \$852,300

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008753): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Commissioner of the DCS to provide a report to the District Attorney General with jurisdiction following a fatality or near fatality of a child in the custody of DCS or who is the subject of an investigation by Child Protective Services (CPS).

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

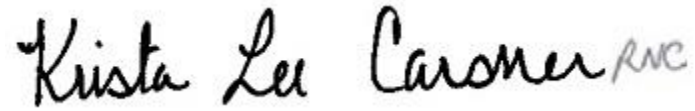
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-5-124(a), the Commissioner of DCS is required to provide a report of a fatality or near fatality of a child in the custody of DCS, or who is the subject of an investigation by CPS, to the General Assembly within ten business days of the fatality or near fatality.
- Requiring the Commissioner to provide the report to the District Attorney General with jurisdiction will not result in a significant impact to the DCS.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner" followed by a small, stylized monogram "RLC".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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